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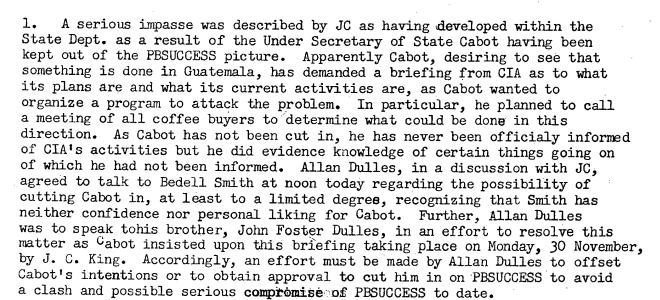
PLACE:

King's office

PERSONS PRESENT: JCKing,

COVER USED: 5 None

Discussions:



2. JC stated he wanted to ship 15 tons of arms now in New Yorkto Nicaragua at once in order to test Somoza's alleged agreement to cooperate. took strong exception to this proposal, pointing out that the entire subject of handling arms was fraught with peril from the security point of view and great danger as to control, owing to the possibility once the arms were in the hands of certain people they might go off on their own, thus aborting the program. It was explained that the new concept does not necessarily involve a very large shipment of arms to Nicaragua but, contrarily, only that those actually required for training of the cadre classes at Pto. Cabezas be shipped. Further, that the arms would be compartmented and would be delivered to various places in order to achieve maximum control and secrecy. The problem of getting arms from Nicaragua to jump-off points in Honduras and Salvador is work in itself a serious problem of logistics and sufficiently disadvantageous to warrant holding such arms in Nicaragua to a minimum.



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| pr be of ea | The question of initiating rogram was discussed with JC are available Monday on the subject obtaining necessary large questily resolved and concurred with initiating all sources for the accordance of the accord | nd he was informed that ect. JC seemed to real antities of foreign cuth | t further details would dize that this matter arrencies would not be procurement program |
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| to as get an to sl al he | was present of fill the Administrative Assist having been Ray Leddy's secretarized in the field and a knowledge of the distriction of the field and wanted to recommend though they had no knowledge or handling of work requirement reet to wait her arrival on 1 | tary, serving a tour f administrative proces of the language. JC ho was expected in 1 mend her very highly f her administrative s in [| of duty in Guatemala, edures at both Hqs. said that he preferred December as he had no for this position abilities aside from |

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